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Rihanna allegedly not being helpful to cops

Province back to work on April 30

POLITICS The provincial government announced yesterday the Nova Scotia legislature would resume sitting on Thursday, April 30.

The 60th general assembly opened in the fall and lasted until Nov. 25. The government said in a release there isn't going to be a speech from the throne, but the opening day will start at 2 p.m. and include regular house business, including question period.

Both opposition parties have been attacking the government recently for the length of time that has passed since the last sitting.

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Worm set to launch today



Darren Czech and his daughter Reghan, 5, build a snowman in front of their house yesterday. A spring snowfall caused schools in the HRM to be closed yet again. Students have now missed 7 1/2 days of school due to the weather. **Story, pg 3**

'Fudge-it budget'

Opposition blasts Tories for playing politics over funding

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE
for Metro Halifax



The minority Progressive Conservatives made a last-minute budget move yesterday, doling out hundreds of millions to the province's universities.

But opposition parties say the province is driving itself into "a technical deficit" and playing politics as a possible election approach.

"A fudge-it budget — that's what it is," NDP Leader Darrell Dexter said yesterday. "It's a manipulation of the books."

The additional \$256 million promised to help post-secondary institutions with operating costs will more than exhaust the



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Finance Minister Jamie Muir

\$213 surplus projected by the province last December, leaving some to wonder where the extra \$43 million is coming from.

"The amount of money that they want to spend is not available in last year's budget unless they make a change to the Provincial Finance Act," Dexter said.

It seems the MacDonald government hopes to retroactively amend the act so that it can use \$105.8 million from the offshore offset, which is legally required to go to-

ward paying off the province's debt, as part of that \$256 million.

"This is highly unusual and highly troubling," Dexter said.

But Finance Minister Jamie Muir said yesterday the province's budget would be balanced. "Is the province able to pay its bills having done this? The answer is 'yes.'"

Muir said Nova Scotians understand the need to invest in the operating budgets of its universities, "given the economic condi-

tions that we have and declining revenues."

To change the law, the Tories will need the support of at least one opposition party. Otherwise it will trigger an election. Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil said his party would not vote in favour of changing the law so the Tories can stay out of the red.

"These additional appropriations should not be taking place at the end of the (fiscal) year," said McNeil.

Muir said the amendment would be tabled along with the budget when the House of Assembly resumes April 30. He admitted that to pass both and avoid an election, "we're going to need a dance partner."

Buildings get green light from council

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DEVELOPMENT Four new downtown developments will be able to go ahead, even though they don't conform to HRMbyDesign.

Yesterday Halifax Regional Council voted to grandfather the projects forward because the developers had already applied and HRMbyDesign hasn't received final approval.

Two of the developments, located at Barrington and Sackville streets, are about three times the proposed new height limits.

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That caused several councilors to oppose grandfathering last week.

But this week, after the developers made presentations to council, the grandfathering won widespread approval from council and was approved.

"They followed the laws of the land at the time. The world does not stop for HRM," said Waverly-Fall River-Beaverbank Coun. Barry Dalrymple.

"We entered into a process to come up with a new process, and the world continued while we did that. So be it."

Yesterday's vote doesn't mean the projects can be built immediately.

The developers must still pass through the current process, which includes public hearings.



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Buy daffodils to fight cancer

The Canadian Cancer Society is calling on volunteers and all Nova Scotians to join the fight against cancer by purchasing bunches of daffodils. From today through Saturday, local volunteers will be selling daffodils, knocking on doors and organizing special events. In 2008, 64,000 bunches of daffodils were sold in Nova Scotia.

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Justice minister in hot water

Prisoner release snafu has opposition calling for Clarke to be ousted

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The Liberals called for the province's justice minister to step down yesterday after another prisoner was mistakenly released.

But Cecil Clarke says his department is doing all it can and human error can't be eliminated.



On Monday the province discovered Chancelor Faulkner, 19, had been released six days earlier due to a clerical error. While sentenced on one charge, he was facing several others, including robbery and weapons related charges, and was to be remanded until his next court appearance on April



Justice Minister Cecil Clarke speaks to reporters yesterday about the latest mistakenly released prisoner.

23. Liberal Justice Critic Michel Samson said he felt "a sense of disbelief" that another prisoner had been released. He said Clarke has presided over a "comedy of errors" and should be moved out of the department.

"The premier knows what his options are. He's shuffled his cabinet before," Samson said.

"To suggest to Nova Scotians they should continue to have confidence in this minister or even confidence in this government's ability

to handle the justice system, I don't think anyone's going to buy it."

NDP Leader Darrell Dexter said Clarke needs to take responsibility for the releases.

"He has to recognize that you can't just issue press re-

leases about changes taking place. They actually have to take place," Dexter said.

According to Clarke, 10 prisoners have been mistakenly released in Nova Scotia over the last three years.

But he said the problem has occurred in every province and that human error is inevitable. He said his department has always addressed problems when they've popped up.

"It is very frustrating to me as justice minister when we've put so much effort and resources into making sure these incidents don't recur, but human error is a part of that process and it has been in this case," Clarke said.

He said his department is implementing the recommendations of a Deloitte review on how to improve security.

Police are still trying to locate Faulkner's whereabouts.

User fees set to rise about three per cent

REVENUES It's time to dig a little deeper in your wallet yet again.

The province announced yesterday it is increasing most user fees by three per cent to raise revenues and better recover costs.

Most of the fee increases take effect today, with some later because of notification and system requirements. It will bring the government over \$5 million in revenue.

The government said in a release the increase amount for about 1,400 fees reflects the inflation rate over the past year.

A detailed summary of all increases is available at www.gov.ns.ca/finance/en/home/publications/userfees.

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Man arrested for multiple stabbing

CUSTODY A male suspect is in custody after another man and woman both suffered multiple stab wounds yesterday in what police believe is a domestic incident at the 100 block of Victoria Road in Dartmouth.

At 3:47 p.m., police arrived to the location and found the male victim with knife wounds to his back and face and a female victim with knife wounds to her chest, face and hand.

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Liberals want fixed budget dates

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POLITICS Tired of waiting for the governing Conservatives to release their budget, the provincial Liberals called for fixed budget and legislature dates yesterday.

"It provides clarity and certainty to the very institutions that we depend on for our health care, for the education of our children and for the services we most cherish," McNeil said at a press conference at the legislature.

He proposes the legislature sit by the second Monday of February every year, with a budget to be presented by the third Tuesday in February. The fall sitting of the house would begin the first Monday in October.

"How are we expecting school boards, for example, to deal with issues of staffing today when they don't know what their budget's going to be," he said.

The Liberals and NDP have repeatedly called on the MacDonald Tories to



Nova Scotia Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil held a press conference yesterday to say he wanted fixed dates for spring budgets and the sitting of the legislature.

recall the house and release this year's budget. They've accused the government of stalling for political reasons. The Tories, who announced yesterday the legislature would resume sitting on April 30, say they're waiting for all the information to come in before moving with a budget.

But NDP Leader Darrell Dexter didn't back the Liberal proposal yesterday. He

said fixed dates were unnecessarily rigid, and if there's any deadline it should be to have the budget out by the end of the fiscal year.

"I think tying the hands of the government that way is really of questionable value. What they should be committed to is making sure that there's a budget before the house in a timely fashion," Dexter said.

Minimum-wage earners happy about pay raise

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MONEY For 26-year-old Ashley Stagg, every cent counts.

That's why the Saint Mary's University student, who slings coffee at Uncommon Grounds on the side, is pleased to be getting a raise.

The Sydney native and other minimum

wage workers across Nova Scotia are receiving a 50 cent per hour increase starting today. The hourly rate will jump from \$8.10 up to \$8.60 for more experienced employees, while staffers with less than three months on the job will see their pay improve to \$8.10, up from \$7.60.

"It's kind of good timing because I'll be finished school in the next month, so I'll be working full-time," the busy barista said while taking a quick break from work yesterday.

"It's definitely going to show up on my paycheques."

Dale King, manager of the hopping coffee shop on Halifax's Hollis Street, agreed workers who work in the service and retail industries are "really underpaid."

"We get walked over (and) talked over," he said. "Every time you treat your employees better, they're going to stay longer."

Jeff Mayhew, owner of Sportwheels in Lower Sackville, said he's all about instilling pride in his staff members, which is why he pays them more than minimum wage.

But he said it will be a challenge for his sporting goods store to meet its employees' expectations of pay raises.

"It's a chain reaction," he said. "Everyone that's making more than that feels their wage should go up as well, but (what if) business isn't going up?"

News in brief

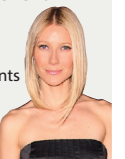
FIRE A five-unit apartment complex in Truro burst into flames shortly after 10 a.m. yesterday morning. It has been reported the house was vacant and no one was hurt.

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What's online today.

Video Auditor general Sheila Fraser blasts airport security clearance given to people with criminal records at metronews.ca/canada
Video Style columnist Kenya Hunt previews Gwyneth Paltrow's new line and Hollywood Rants sticks up for Slumdog's Danny Boyle



Dartmouth Common Master Plan workshop slated for Saturday

A public workshop and information session for the Dartmouth Common Master Plan will take place Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at Hawthorn Elementary School. The master plan will establish a long-term vision and policy framework for the Dartmouth Commons. **METRO HALIFAX**



Former chief of defence staff Gen. Rick Hillier speaks last night at Pier 21 in Halifax. Hillier presented the IWK Health Centre with \$50,000 to launch a social website for its young patients.

Hillier helps out

General presents IWK with \$50K donation

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The general was back in town yesterday — not to give orders, but to hand out money.

Former chief of defence staff Gen. Rick Hillier was in Halifax yesterday to help present the IWK Health Centre with a \$50,000 donation to launch a social website for its young patients. Now retired, Hillier is the chair of the Telus Atlantic Canada Community Board, which donated the money.

While in town, Hillier spoke to several reporters about the mission in Afghanistan.

"If a mission is worth doing, a mission is worth doing and you have to have those assessments before you go in."

Former chief of defence staff Gen. Rick Hillier

There are now 116 Canadian casualties, but Hillier said it's no time to doubt the mission.

"If a mission is worth doing, a mission is worth doing and you have to have those assessments before you go in. The loss of any one of those young men and that young lady that we lost hurts every single Canadian," he told Metro yesterday.

"You cannot use that as a determination after the fact. You decide this is a mission you want to do

because the impacts are incredibly positive for the world and for our country."

Canada is planning to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan in 2011, but Hillier said the mission will take longer than that.

"If Canada leaves in 2011, and that's Canada's sovereign right to do so, but the mission will not be finished and other international troops will have to take up the mission and carry it on from there."

Marching out like a lion

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Oh snow, not again!

Mother Nature showed she's not done with winter, dumping nine centimetres of the white stuff on Halifax overnight Monday.

That was following an already wet day, with Environment Canada reporting 22.5 millimetres of rain falling at Halifax Stanfield International Airport.

The greasy weather closed schools across Halifax regional school board, bringing the number of snow days this year to 7½ for most students, although it's more for some rural schools, spokesman Doug Hadley said.

He said the number of days schools have closed in 2008-09 is the highest since 2003-04, the year that included both hurricane Juan and White Juan, when there were nine such days across the board.

Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Jeff Carr said officers responded to about 30 collisions across Halifax Regional Municipality between 7 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. yesterday, including two serious crashes on the Bedford Highway.

The first occurred just after 7:30 p.m., when a 53-year-old man on the ramp leading to Joseph Howe Drive crashed head-on into another vehicle. A 27-year-old woman in the other car sustained a broken rib, he said.

The second happened at about 1:43 a.m. when a snowplow driver struck a power pole to avoid another vehicle.

DownEast Streeters welcome Coronation Street star

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A Coronation Street star was one of the few people in the city who welcomed yesterday's spring snow.

"Beautiful," said Michael Le Vell, a.k.a. Kevin Webster on Coronation Street. They don't get much snow in the U.K. and none at all this year in Manchester, he said.

"It was lovely to wake up to this morning."

The longtime soap actor was in Halifax with his wife and two kids yesterday. He was the main attraction at a fundraiser for the DownEast Streeters Non-Profit Society last night.

Since first appearing on Coronation Street in 1983, Webster has had more

than his share of heartaches and scandals: Affairs on both sides rocked his two marriages to Sally Seddon; he lost a baby with his second wife, Alison Wakefield; and he recently served time for beating up his daughter's high school teacher. But who could blame him since the teacher was sleeping with Webster's daughter.

"The Natalie affair sort of broke Kevin's mould a bit and set him in a different direction for a while," said La Vell, reflecting on a few of his favourite storylines over the years.

"The Kevin and Alison

losing the baby storyline was hard work to do but it was rewarding at the end of it."

According to Wikipedia, Webster has earned thousands of admirers due to his "shapely backside."

Le Vell said he gets stopped by fans even on the streets of Halifax.

"I've had a few people stop me and start screaming. It's fun and it shows people watch the show," he said. "It's definitely Canada that's No. 1 for fans (outside the U.K.). There's a few in New Zealand and Australia, but nothing like the Canadians."

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Coronation Street actor Michael Le Vell



Michael Le Vell, who plays Kevin Webster on Coronation Street, speaks with Metro Halifax yesterday. Le Vell spoke with the DownEast Streeters Non-Profit Society last night.

Sydney airport to get \$246K for infrastructure upgrades

FUNDING The Sydney airport will receive more than \$246,000 in federal money for infrastructure upgrades.

The funding announcement came earlier this week in Sydney following Defence Minister Peter MacKay outlining the federal government's plan for the Atlantic Energy Gateway.

"We're investing in this airport because of its regional and local importance and the long-term economic development of Cape Breton requires this transportation link," MacKay said.

He said the airport is important for bringing in tourists, investors and businesses, as well as enabling local business people to easily explore new markets for their products.

The money, which is being funnelled through Enterprise Cape Breton Corp., will assist the Sydney Airport Authority with the first phase of its plans to upgrade the airport. That includes the installation of a new fire alarm system, improved heating and air conditioning systems, new cargo bays and repairs to its roof.

CAPE BRETON POST

Hairspray at the Metro Centre

ARTS The Tony Award-winning musical Hairspray is on stage for back-to-back shows at the Halifax Metro Centre starting tonight.

The Broadway musical comedy, which inspired a major motion picture, features catchy songs, laughter and romance, all based in 1960s Baltimore.

Tickets still remain for both performances tonight and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$47.50 to \$72 and can be purchased at all Ticket Atlantic locations, by phone at 451-1221 or online at ticketatlantic.com.

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Nigeria's anti-narcotics agency confiscated 6.5 tons of marijuana yesterday from the home of a man who claimed to be 114 years old. Sulaiman Adebayo, who said he had been a farmer all his life, told police he thought the sacks contained rice. **REUTERS**

Canada/World

CSIS admits to using torture-obtained info

In stunning testimony that flatly contradicts stated Conservative government policy, a senior CSIS official admitted the spy agency still uses information that may have been obtained by torture in national security investigations "if lives are at stake."

Geoffrey O'Brien, a lawyer and CSIS adviser on operations and legislation, told the Commons public safety committee there is no ban on using intelligence that may have been obtained from countries with sketchy human rights records on using torture. "Do we use information that comes from torture? The answer is we only do

Admission

• The admission came as officials from CSIS, the RCMP and the Canada Border Services Agency testified that they have responded to recommendations by the two judge-led inquiries into the Mid-East torture ordeals of Maher Arar, Ahmad El-Maati, Abdullah Almalki and Muayyed Nureddin.

so if lives are at stake," O'Brien said.

The explosive admission appeared to fly in the face of clear recommendations from Justice Dennis O'Connor in the Maher Arar inquiry against receiving or distributing information

when there is "a credible risk" it stemmed from torture.

It also contradicted assertions by the Conservative government, which has long argued the practices that led to the detention and torture of four Canadian citizens — that were condemned in two public inquiries — happened under the previous Liberal government.

The office of Peter Van Loan, minister of public safety, moved to clarify the Conservative government's policy late in the day by e-mail: "The Government of Canada does not condone torture. Period."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Duck deaths at Syncrude triple initial tally

WILDLIFE The death toll among ducks that landed on a toxic waste pond at Syncrude Canada Ltd.'s oil-sands operation last spring was 1,606, more than three times higher than previously made public, Syncrude's chief executive said yesterday.

CEO Tom Katinas disclosed the final count after

getting permission from prosecutors in a criminal case against Canada's biggest oil-sands producer over the deaths, which became symbolic in efforts by green groups to highlight the environmental impact of developing the huge energy resource.

The previous public tally was 500, which was the

number first estimated after the incident. Katinas said he had been unable to make the higher duck death toll public with the case before the courts.

"The recovery of birds occurred over several months, so as the number started rising, people like myself were in shock," he said.

REUTERS

Taliban behind raid

Pakistani leader warns of attack in U.S.

Baitullah Mehsud said yesterday his group had carried out an assault on a police academy in the city of Lahore in retaliation for U.S. drone attacks on militants in Pakistan.

He also suggested a \$5-million US bounty put on his head by the United States could be avenged by an attack in Washington.

"You can't imagine how we could avenge this threat inside Washington, inside the White House,"

"You can't imagine how we could avenge this threat inside Washington."

Baitullah Mehsud, Taliban chief

Mehsud said.

Eight cadets were killed and scores wounded in the brazen assault that came less than a month after a

dozen gunmen attacked Sri Lanka's cricket team in the city, killing six police guards and a bus driver.

Four militants were killed and three were arrested during an eight-hour gunbattle with security forces in the police academy on Monday.

Mehsud leads the Movement of Taliban Pakistan, a loose umbrella group of factions that has carried out attacks across the country. **REUTERS**

Cambodia Torturer says sorry



A resident prays in front of skulls at a Killing Fields memorial in Cambodia. Former Khmer Rouge torturer Kaing Guek Eav apologized yesterday for the 14,000 people who died "brutally" at S-21 prison, the first senior Khmer Rouge cadre to accept blame for atrocities committed by the regime 30 years ago.

News in brief

DROWNINGS Some 300

Africans, including women and children, are feared to have drowned after their boats capsized off Libya, part of a new upsurge of illegal migration to Europe, officials said yesterday.

INVESTIGATION Pope Benedict has ordered an investigation of an influential Roman Catholic priestly order whose founder was discovered to be a sexual molester.

MIX-UP German police are struggling to explain why they chased a phantom serial killer for 16 years after confusion over an innocent woman's DNA samples. **REUTERS**

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Computer worm set to wreak April Fool's havoc

INFECTION A computer worm that has lain dormant in millions of infected computers worldwide is expected to wake up on April Fool's Day, and ... well, technicians aren't sure what exactly it'll do, but they suspect it'll be harmful.

Since January, the Conficker worm — the largest computer worm to date — has created an infrastructure that its creators can use to remotely install software on infected machines, according to Symantec.com.

The computer-security software company said the worm would likely be used to create a botnet that will be rented out to criminals

who want to send spam, steal IDs, and direct users to online scams and phishing sites.

That possibility has also led to various online scammers trying to profit from people looking to rid their computers of the worm.

Web searches are turning up various companies that say their security programs are able to remove the worm, but tests by legitimate security firms have shown the claims are false.

With the worm targeting Windows XP and Windows Vista, Microsoft is offering a \$250,000 US reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of its creators. **METRO CANADA**

Taking action

• Free repair and detection tools can be found at confickerworkinggroup.org.

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Levant, Steyn are heroes of free speech

TheWestView

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When the right wing gets together, there's usually enough room left in the phone booth for a marching band, but last night's Fraser Institute gathering in Vancouver was sold out.

And the speaker, neo-con Albertan Ezra Levant, is the toast of the Left Coast. The

former Western Standard publisher and Reform MP is on a Vancouver tour de triomphe while basking in the glow of rave reviews for his latest book, *Shakedown*, including one from Rex Murphy, the man who put the polysyllables in pundit.

What's going on here? Why is Ezra Levant the flavour of the month? Dare I say because he deserves to be?

Levant and his fellow traveller, Mark Steyn, were both targeted by various of the 13 Canadian human rights commissions for their work on Islam: Levant

for publishing the notorious Danish Muhammad cartoons when he knew it was dangerous; and Steyn for musing in *MacLean's* that Islam is winning the war against civilization by breeding more ambitiously.

Yes, the neo-con is always wondering why the rest of us fuzzy thinkers can't see that the glass is half empty and draining fast. But whatever I think, I support the right's right to say what it thinks, unlike the government thought police known as the human rights commission. Under the guise of protecting the rights of mi-

norities, the HRCs have trampled everyone else's.

Steyn and Levant, unlike so many cowed into silence, stood up against what Levant calls "Alice in Wonderland commissions where bizarre new human rights are made up on the spot and where regular legal procedures don't apply." *Shakedown* is an account of his persecution at the hands of the Alberta commission, as well as a tour through the highlights of a Canadian quasi-judicial system gone starkers.

I think Levant is enjoying his 15 minutes of positive

press because Canadians are waking up to the fact that their human rights watchdogs are off the leash, and are thankful that someone has the guts to stand up for freedom of speech, our most important right, the one most in danger of being trampled under the boot of government good intentions.

One hundred people died in the savage madness that erupted over the Danish cartoons poking fun at the prophet Muhammad. I want to continue to live in a country where I can argue with Islam and frankly with

all religions promising eternal bliss in return for lock-step compliance here on Earth, and not fear the wrath of holy men and bureaucrats.

Thanks to unlikely heroes such as Ezra Levant and Mark Steyn, I am still free to speak and write the truth as I see it. But it's a near thing, and Thomas Jefferson's words still ring true: "The price of freedom is eternal vigilance."

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Word on the street: Are you concerned that the Conservative government is planning to scrap the gun registry?

Hillary Ferguson

age 20, Halifax

A: I wouldn't want people to not register their guns because it will make it a lot easier for criminals to get guns.

Gary Beazley

age 54, Halifax

A: I feel that there are too many guns on the street now. Guns should be registered for sure.

Kathryn LeRue

age 25, Halifax

A: That seems like a pretty dangerous move considering all the violence in the cities.

Sofie Albert

age 22, Ottawa

A: Ignorance is bliss for me. It's probably not a good idea. I think they should have to register.

Tim Chukwu

age 45, Toronto

A: I don't like guns. If you have them, you're going to use them ... so no, I don't want to get rid of it.

Meliz Ergin

age 32, Vancouver

A: Yes. I think it makes more sense to have it registered. It's a weapon right?



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French workers detain 4 Caterpillar executives

Dozens of workers facing the sack at a factory in Lyons, France, run by U.S. company Caterpillar detained four managers yesterday and demanded further talks on the announced layoffs. A union official said 733 workers were set to go. **REUTERS**

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Credit card losses up

Escalating job losses and personal bankruptcies are exacting a deepening toll on the credit card businesses of major banks.

Already grappling with higher losses, the banks are moving swiftly to cut their risks by stepping up collections and cutting the credit limits of high-risk clients, an industry confer-

ence in Montreal was told.

But even as banks signal the era of easy credit is over, a report suggests the financial hangover from that heyday could persist for some time to come.

Equifax Canada released data suggesting that hard-hit Canadians are failing to pay their bills on time at "an increasing rate" and

that credit card debt was largely to blame.

The credit bureau said the average national consumer delinquency rate increased by 7.3 per cent over the period from February 2008 to February 2009. Equifax defines delinquent bills as those that are at least 90 days overdue. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Investors weigh Air Canada move

SIGNAL Air Canada shares sank 22 per cent yesterday as analysts speculated the resignation of its chief executive, and naming of a replacement known for his restructuring expertise, may signal its second filing for creditor protection in six years.

Montie Brewer will be replaced today by Calin Rovinescu, a key figure in Air Canada's last revamp under bankruptcy protection. **REUTERS**

Labour costs OK: GM chief

AUTOS General Motors' new chief says worker concessions in Canada already make the teetering auto maker competitive despite government calls for more labour costs cuts to get public aid.

Fritz Henderson, who replaced Rick Wagoner as chief executive officer, said yesterday the company will consider the requests by federal and Ontario politicians but added the concessions meet its competitive needs.

"What we need to is understand exactly what the Canadian government would like us to achieve further beyond what's been achieved," he told reporters in Detroit.

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- GM of Canada workers unanimously voted for concessions recently that will lower hourly labour costs including benefits by \$7.25 to \$63 an hour.

he told reporters in Detroit.

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Sports

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Andrei Kostitsyn fights with Chicago's Aaron Johnson after Johnson hit Sergei Kostitsyn last night.

Habs keep pace in race

NHL RESULT**Canadiens 4 Blackhawks 1**

Carey Price was strong with 28 saves to lead the Montreal Canadiens to a 4-1 win over the Chicago Blackhawks at Bell Centre.

Alex Kovalev, Guillaume Latendresse and Andrei Markov scored for the Canadiens, who have won three of their last four games and gained two criti-

cal points to remain one ahead of Florida — which also won last night — for the eighth and final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference.

Montreal has 88 points and sits one behind the idle New York Rangers with six games remaining.

"I've been looking forward to this game for a long time," said Price.

"(Chicago) goaltender Cristobal Huet and I have been pretty good friends,

even after last season's trade. I have the utmost respect for him. I really wanted to win this game as much as he did."

Patrick Sharp scored the only goal for Chicago, which has 91 points and is in a heated battle with Vancouver and Calgary for home-ice advantage in the first round of the West playoffs.

Huet allowed four goals on 33 shots in the loss.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Maple Leafs get their Hanson

NHL Christian Hanson believes his stick will be what separates him from his father's shtick.

The 23-year-old son of Dave Hanson — one of the iconic Hanson Brothers of Slap Shot movie fame — will be introduced today as the newest Toronto Maple Leaf. The highly-sought free agent forward inked a two-year contract with the Maple Leafs yesterday, three days after the Notre Dame Fighting Irish were eliminated from the U.S. college hockey playoffs.

"It's pretty neat," said Hanson, reached in South Bend, Ind. "After Notre Dame got eliminated, Toronto was one of the teams that came and made an offer. It just seemed like the right fit for me."



Right: Christian Hanson, middle, with dad Dave and mom Sue. Above, from left: Dave Hanson, Steve Carlson and Jeff Carlson as the Hanson brothers in the 1977 film Slap Shot.

As a player, Hanson is about as far as possible from the celluloid goon his father portrayed or the plugger his father was in those years toiling mostly in the minors, with 33 NHL games to his credit.

Christian figures he's probably seen the movie about 40 or 50 times. "Every time you watch it, you see something else that's funny."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**Sports in brief**

CHL Brian Kilrea's storied career as a head coach came to an end last night as the Niagara IceDogs defeated Ottawa 4-3 in a shootout in game 7 of their Ontario Hockey League playoff series. Kilrea, who has won 1,193 games, will remain as the 67's GM. **METRO NEWS SERVICE**

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Tigers add star goaltender

QMJHL's Bobby Nadeau key part of Dalhousie's plan to rebuild team

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The Dalhousie Tigers have landed a major building block in an effort to revive their men's hockey program.

The Tigers announced yesterday that highly regarded P.E.I. Rocket goaltender Bobby Nadeau is headed to Dalhousie next season, the first of what head coach Pete Belliveau hopes will be a series of big-name recruits this off-season.

The Tigers have missed the playoffs five straight seasons since winning national bronze in 2004 in Fredericton, N.B., and have lost a stunning 113 of their past 140 games.

"I think Bobby Nadeau is the start of the process here," said Belliveau, who won a national title with the Moncton Aces in 1995. "I think he's the top 20-year-old in the QMJHL. It's his skill, character and mental toughness."

Nadeau, who won the Jacques Plante Trophy as top QMJHL goalie in 2007-08, posted a 3.24 goals-against average and a .904 save percentage in 56 starts with P.E.I.

Belliveau said Nadeau maintains an A average in courses at the University of Prince Edward Island and



P.E.I. Rocket goaltender Bobby Nadeau, who won the Jacques Plante Trophy as top QMJHL goalie in 2007-08, will join the Dalhousie Tigers next season. Nadeau wants to pursue a career in dentistry at Dalhousie.

wants to pursue a career in dentistry at Dalhousie. He describes Nadeau as "the kind of person we want to associate ourselves with."

The Tigers are also working on recruiting Cape Breton Screaming Eagles star

Robert Slaney, a high-scoring power forward who is interested in pursuing a career in medicine.

Belliveau, who joined the Tigers last season and went 4-23-1, would only say that he has "a lot of lines in the

water" and that he hopes Nadeau's commitment helps.

"It might be a domino effect," said Belliveau. "He has a lot of friends in the Q who are very, very good hockey players. We might get more

recruits through him."

Nadeau will battle for starting duty next season with fourth-year incumbent Josh Disher, who posted a 5.41 goals-against average and a .875 save percentage in 23 starts.

Huskies star considers coming back for fifth year

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RANCAURT The Saint Mary's Huskies aren't sure yet whether Canadian Interuniversity Sport men's hockey player of the year Marc Rancourt will be back next season.

The fourth-year captain has a fifth and final season of eligibility remaining after an incredible season that saw him lead the nation in scoring with 57 points in 28 games.



Marc Rancourt

He's debating whether to return to take his master's in business.

"It's got to be his decision," said Huskies head coach Trevor Stienburg. "It's a big decision, whether he wants to make that commitment. After the year he had, there may be other (professional hockey) opportunities."

Last year's national player of the year, Rob Hennigar of the New Brunswick Varsity Reds, landed an NHL contract with the New York Islanders and split this season between the American Hockey League and East Coast Hockey League.

The Huskies, who won the Atlantic University Sport title but lost in the round robin at nationals, would get a major boost from Rancourt's return. All-Canadian defenceman Scott Hotham and forwards Colin Power and Jon Howse are the only players who definitely won't be back next season.

Rancourt, a native of Gloucester, Ont., is currently 34th on the AUS all-time scoring list with 175 points. He has the potential to finish in the top five all-time if he returns.

Sports in brief

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS Josh Presley of Fairview's Titans MMA won gold in the white belt adult featherweight class at the Pan American Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu championships in Los Angeles last weekend.

CURLING Mayflower's Mark Dacey has his second Nova Scotia curling crown of the year. The Scotia Cup champ won his fifth provincial mixed title yesterday in Liverpool, beating clubmate Paul Flemming 9-4.

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Hawes top Nova Scotian in QMJHL draft rankings

DRAFT Cole Hawes of the Dartmouth Subways is the top-ranked Nova Scotian for QMJHL draft in June.

The five-foot-10, 166-pound forward from Tangier is ranked in the second round after finishing third on the Subways with 21 goals and six assists for 27 points in 35 games as a rookie in the Nova Scotia Major Midget Hockey League.

No other Bluenoser is ranked in the first three rounds.

"He's extremely gifted offensively," said Subways head coach Jason Troini. "He's got a great shot, real hard, real precise, and he's got real slick hands. He's probably one of the best I've seen at handling the puck, that's for sure."

Local hockey fans may know Hawes' brother, Tyler, a six-foot-three 230-pounder who spent five seasons in the Q and scored 29 goals as

"He's extremely gifted offensively."

Coach Jason Troini, Dartmouth Subways

an over-ager with Rouyn-Noranda.

"Tyler was bigger, but Cole's maybe more gifted offensively," Troini said, when asked how they compare.

Halifax McDonald's goalie Richard Tingley (fourth round), Subways forward Cody Peveril of Lower Sackville (fifth round) and Cole Harbour McCain defenceman Brendan Duke (fifth round) are others ranked in the first five rounds.

Former Subways forward Kody Orr and Halifax Lions junior A blue-liner Ian Saab earned fourth-round rankings.

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Wheels on fire

It's back to the classics in Fast & Furious

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Movie and television cars are big business, and The Fast and The Furious franchise is no different, having spawned lookalikes galore after each of its three previous instalments.

Things are a little different in the fourth film which opens this Friday. The flashy, overwrought, hyper-tuned import cars that served as stars are there, but there's greater focus on more subtly modified

American muscle cars and pickup trucks. Even the flick's name has been pared back to a simple Fast & Furious, doing away with the excess numbers and definitive articles.

But that's not to say that the vehicles are less impressive



1970 Chevrolet Chevelle

Nissan Skyline R34



than before.

Fans of the series will still have the Nissan Skyline R34, and a brand-new Subaru WRX STI, driven by star Paul Walker's character, but majority of the action is devoted to older lovelies like the 1970 Dodge Challenger and two versions of the 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle that Vin Diesel drove in the original movie.

"Reading the

script, it was obvious this was going to be bigger than Tokyo Drift," said Dennis McCarthy, car co-ordinator for the third and the current The Fast and The Furious films, in an interview with online car magazine Edmunds Inside Line.

"And a lot more of them were going to be 'specialty cars' that we'd have to build ourselves."

One new favourite includes the 1987 Buick Grand National, which Diesel uses during a heist scene. In fact, one of the seven replicas built for the film has its body mounted backwards on the frame so that it could be driven in reverse at high speeds.

Among other eye-catchers are the Chevrolet trucks built for the heist scene, especially a copper-coloured 1967 version.

In fact, that's how most of the movie cars look and feel: Subtle, purposeful, and bereft of much decoration. Flat paints are in, big wings and spangly paint jobs are almost definitely out.

Most of the inspiration for these new rides come from some pretty famous vehicles that make "guest appearances" in the movie. The "Big Red" 1969 Chevrolet Camaro that started the "Pro Touring" style in the late '80s; the 1,500-horsepower "F-Bomb" 1973 Chevrolet Camaro project car from Hot Rod magazine; and the 1978 Year One "Bandit"

Who drives what

• STAR: Paul Walker
CHARACTER: Brian O'Conner
CARS: Nissan Skyline R34; Subaru WRX STI
• STAR: Vin Diesel
CHARACTER: Dominic Toretto
CARS: 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle, 1987 Grand Buick National

Trans Am, which evokes Burt Reynolds' black-and-gold Pontiac from the Smokey and the Bandit movies, are all given plenty of screen time.

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Vin Diesel returns to the franchise in Fast & Furious and can be seen driving many classic cars in the film.

Aura top-notch contender

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

ROAD TEST With the days of super-cheap gas long behind us, the four-cylinder engine is rapidly becoming "king of the road." Many of them are now as quiet and powerful as V6 engines used to be, and they're showing up in more models than ever.

Saturn has responded with the midsize Aura sedan. The 2.4-litre four-cylinder previously found only in the base XE model is now also available in the upper-line XR trim. GM further streamlines the model by dropping one of the two V6 engines offered for 2008; for 2009, there's only a 3.6-litre V6, solely in XR trim. The 2.4-litre also shows up in the Aura Hybrid, a "mild" version that shuts off at idle, but can't run on its battery alone.

Mated exclusively to a six-speed automatic — sister car Chevrolet Malibu uses a four-speed in its base trim — the 2.4-litre Aura gets better overall fuel



The Saturn Aura is aimed to please commuters, with its tight driving feel and a well-designed, functional interior.

el economy than any of its non-hybrid, auto-equipped midsize sedan competitors. Official figures are 9.4 L/100 km in the city and 5.9 on the highway; in combined cold-weather driving, I averaged 8.9 L/100 km.

Pricing starts at \$23,728 for the XE, while the XR-4 starts at \$26,395. Features on the upper line include auto-dimming mirrors, 17-inch alloy wheels, heated cloth seats (optioned to leather on my car, and which took forever to warm up on my tester)

with power adjustment, remote start, Bluetooth and satellite radio.

Drive-wise, I've always been partial to Aura/Malibu. It isn't that anything really stands out, but it's a cohesive package that does what it's meant to do, and does it very well. The 169-horsepower four has enough guts to get through traffic; the interior is roomy; the seats are supportive; the suspension takes care of nasty road imperfections; and fit-and-finish stands up easily to its rivals.



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Aix puts the glamour in Provence

French town is a blend of sophistication and regional colour

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The name Provence might trigger visions of lavender fields, gentle games of pétanque and café terraces where men drink aniseed liquor and play cards. But the town of Aix, nestled in a valley some 30 kilometres from the city of Marseilles, not only offers picturesque landscapes; it also oozes glamour.

Bursting with culture, history, wonderful markets, fabulous boutiques and glamorous people — women religiously wear six-inch heels, even when grocery shopping — Aix ticks every box when it comes to reasons for visiting the South of France. No wonder the town attracted cultural stars including author Emile Zola and painter Paul Cézanne, and more recently, iconic French big-screen stars Alain Delon and Brigitte Bardot.

No visit to Aix is complete without an up-and-down tour of the Cours Mirabeau, a long sidewalk studded with brasseries, markets, shops and cafés — which also serves as a compass while exploring on foot.

Stop at No. 12, home to the town's oldest patisserie, Béchard, to indulge in some



Left, one of the many fountains in Aix-en-Provence. Right, an entire day should be spent exploring the town's street markets.



sweet therapy. Local diamond-shaped marzipans known as Calissons d'Aix are a speciality, but the freshly-baked iced-sugar

Getting there

- Marseille-Provence airport is a 20-kilometre drive from the centre of Aix. The TGV Méditerranée rail line takes you from Paris to Aix-en-Provence in three hours.
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down the hustle and bustle of the Cours and you'll get a snapshot of true Aix life. From young university students sipping bitter black coffee to the true bourgeois

Aixoise grazing on their three-course lunches, this is the place to see and be seen.

Stroll down to the end of the Cours to Place de la Rotonde, where the fountain-turned-roundabout marks the original entrance into the town. The fountain is made up of three mesmerizing mermaids, each one representing a different aspect of the town — Justice, Commerce and Agriculture, and Fine Arts.

An entire day should be dedicated to exploring the town's street markets. Stock up on local products including honey, lavender and fresh fruit on Place de La Madeleine where the lo-

cal produce market stalls open daily from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Then follow the bursts of colours and smells over to the Palais de Justice, where the flower market merges with the vintage clothes and jewelry stalls situated across the street. Sunflowers in one hand and basket in the other, browse through the heaps of jewels and hand-woven silk pashminas.

Last but not least, unwind after your exhausting trek of all the markets, bars and restaurants by treating yourself to a visit to Aix's new Spa, Thermes Sextius (thermes-sextius.com), built above a Roman thermae dating back to 122 BC.

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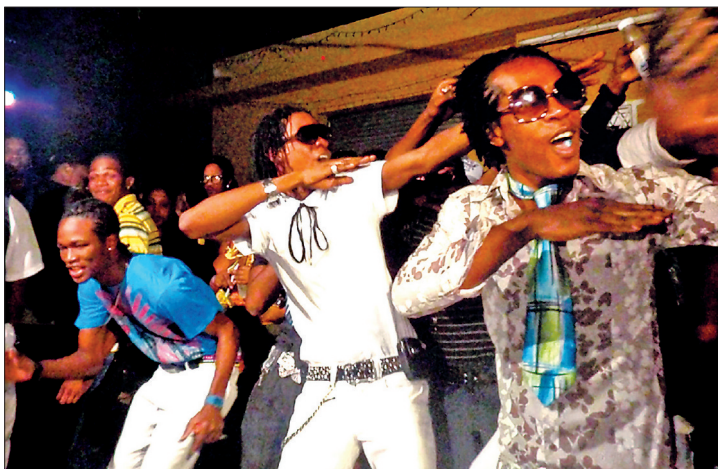
Dancing with controversy in Jamaica

Discovering dancehall in Kingston's gritty clubs

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Dancing at Weddy Weddy, a weekly nightclub event held every Wednesday in Uptown Kingston.

Jamaica is a musical country, an auditory Mecca of sound and soul. While this jewel of the Caribbean may be world famous for her Bob Marley beats, a trip there proves Jamaican music isn't confined to reggae alone.

Dancehall music, loosely defined as high-energy rap with a Reggaeton rhythm, is extremely popular among local youth. Kingston, the island's capital and largest city, is one of the best places to check out this trend, live and in-stereo.

"Dancehall speaks to the concerns, the aspirations and problems of the inner city. It's a way of negotiating the issues ... a way for young people to grapple with things that are of ma-

jour concern to them," said Clyde McKenzie, a well-known local musicologist and judge of the Jamaican version of American Idol.

For a chance to experience dancehall music as it's meant to be heard, I travelled to Weddy Weddy, a nightclub event held every Wednesday in an arena-like haunt called a "dance hall." Located on a gritty avenue in Uptown Kingston, hundreds of twenty-somethings regularly go there to dance into the early morning.

With its pounding sound system, free cover and unrelenting energy, Weddy Weddy not only opens its doors to Jamaican club kids, but also draws adventurous young travellers.

I was curious about the Kingston club scene and

the part that dancehall music played within local culture, so I slipped into appropriate club attire and set out to explore.

In a country with one of the world's highest murder rates per capita, I was nervous about my late night expedition, but I was assured by my local contacts that tourists are welcome and

safe at Weddy Weddy.

Walking in, I was greeted by friendly bouncers, blaring music and a mushroom cloud of ganja, a smell that permeated throughout the club.

The party gets going pretty late in Kingston, and by 12:30 a.m. the crowd began trickling in. A DJ spun vinyl as girls in

pink booty-shorts broke into gymnast-like moves — apparently, the latest tracks often inspire new forms of urban dance.

Weddy Weddy is a fun and inclusive scene to witness but, with all the excitement, it's easy to forget the controversy surrounding the music itself.

McKenzie told me the

genre has come under attack in the past few years. Critics of the music have called some its lyrics misogynist and homophobic; the content has even been blamed for Jamaica's alarming murder rate and epidemic of violence, advocating a ban on dancehall artists altogether.

While McKenzie knows about this backlash, he argued that "people from the outside may find the music distasteful only because they don't understand all the nuances of Jamaican culture."

Visiting Weddy Weddy is a great way for tourists to listen to the music in question, speak with the people and judge for themselves. During my time in Kingston, I learned that dancehall music is the evolution of Bob Marley's reggae, it's the popular genre of today and — though controversial — it plays an integral part in Kingston culture... for better or worse.

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Birthday baby for Hannigan

It's a girl — and she shares her birthday with her mom. How I Met Your Mother star Alyson Hannigan and her husband, actor Alexis Denisof, welcomed a daughter on March 24 in Los Angeles, which also happens to be Hannigan's birthday. **PEOPLE.COM**

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Entertainment

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History of the chase

Exploring Canadian connection between cars and film

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

With Fast & Furious about to speed into theatres this Friday, the latest installment of the successful hotrod film franchise is sure to be raising testosterone levels across North America.

But did you know the combination of cars and cinema arguably has a connection to Canada's first female filmmaker?

While University of Toronto cinema studies professor Bart Testa would surely stop short of directly linking early pioneer Nell Shipman to Fast & Furious, he does point

out the early 20th century artist did play a role.

"(Shipman) made a film in which she spent the entire film in an automobile rescuing her boyfriend and so the film was a kind of car chase movie," says Testa, adding that Shipman may have another association to Fast & Furious.

"I understand she actually wrecked three cars making the film."

There are certainly other early examples that are more obvious influences to the modern use of cars in cinema, the original Fast and the Furious (1955) being the most indisputable.

But one cannot over-

Movie feature

look the importance of such gems as Bullitt, the original Gone in 60 Seconds and even 1971's Vanishing Point.

"When you get to (2001's) The Fast and the Furious ... they're pretty consciously going back to that," says Testa.

"Now they've souped it up because they have special effects and the technology of the automobile has expanded — you can do a lot more with cars."

Although producers of Fast & Furious may be "souping" up for a big box-office take, the automobile industry has been

tightening its means in a struggling economy.

With automakers around the globe laying off employees and mothballing their struggling product, it ponders one to consider if the car's golden days in the cinema aren't nearing an end as well.

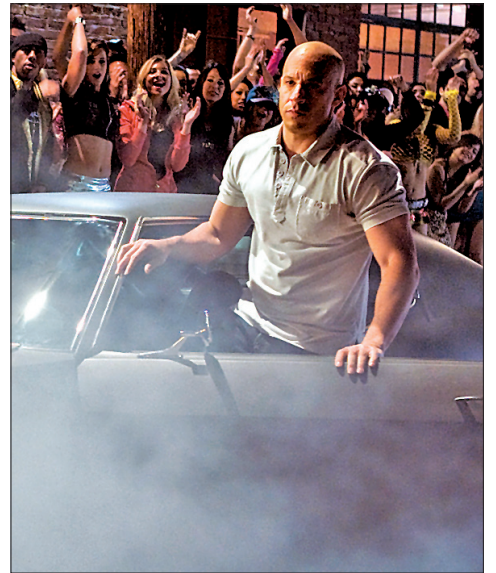
"I think the car films that we're seeing now, the cars have already moved into the realm of fantasy-after-its-death," says Testa.

"One of the things that the Fast and the Furious is about is that, despite the thuggish manner of Vin Diesel and his buddies in these films, there's some suggestion that they're conceptual artists — that



Gossip dancer

Gossip Girl star Chace Crawford reportedly tested over the weekend for the planned Footloose remake, according to E! News. Zac Efron recently backed out of the role. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Vin Diesel stars in Fast & Furious, the fourth film in the series, which opens in theatres this Friday.

the car is already into the realm of art and less the realm of necessity, practicality and the rest of that."

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critics' corner

G-Spot
Typecast as a sex bomb after appearing in "Red Shoe Diaries," actress Brigitte Bako has fun with that development — and others in her life — in this comedy series, a sort of "Sex and the City" meets "Seinfeld." In season three, starting tonight, her character, Gigi, deals with a kinky convention, the production of a pilot based on her life and, of course, lots of guy issues. 10 PM on SHOW



I Get That a Lot
Just in time for April Fools' Day comes this new CBS special in which real celebrities play ordinary people, working in ordinary jobs, who happen to look like famous folks. The laughs come from the reactions of their customers as they try to figure out whether the woman behind the pizzeria counter is supermodel Heidi Klum or just bears an uncanny resemblance to her. 9 PM on CBS

Pagan Christ
Tom Harpur is an Anglican priest who doesn't believe in Jesus — and his faith is stronger because of that. This special introduces viewers to the theory that Harpur, a former Toronto Star religion editor, puts forth in his book of the same name: that Jesus was a fictional creation and many of the details of his life story were derived from Egyptian mythology. A controversial idea, to be sure, but one that Harpur found very liberating. 10 PM on V



Even after Hollywood success and "ballooning" families, Ben Affleck says his friendship with Matt Damon has not only gotten stronger, with shared vacations, but they're planning another movie together, people.com reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Damon, Affleck planning new movie

Celebrity Buzz

Exes to co-star in new movie

RELATIONSHIP Friendly exes Drew Barrymore and Justin Long — who after a year as a couple split in July but were seen slow-dancing together in January — will soon have another chance to rekindle old flames when they shoot what Variety calls an "observational comedy," titled *Going the Distance*, people.com reports.

They'll play a couple threatened by the obstacles posed by their long-distance relationship, reports the trade paper. Barrymore, 34, and Long, 30, previously costarred together in this year's ensemble comedy *He's Just Not That Into You*, which made \$145 million internationally.

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Britney's worried voice message

LEGAL Britney Spears has consulted a lawyer to try and get her conservatorship lifted, female-first.co.uk reports.

The *Womanizer* singer — whose father Jamie and lawyer Andrew Wallet were made co-conservators of her personal and professional affairs following her breakdown last year — reportedly left a worried voicemail for an attorney on Jan. 29.

According to JFXOnline, Britney revealed she was concerned Jamie may stop her seeing her sons Sean Preston, three, and Jayden James,

two.

In the message, Britney says: "Hi my name's Britney Spears. I called you earlier. I'm calling again because I just wanted to make sure that during the process of the eliminating the conservatorship that my father has threatened me several times, that you know, he'll take my children away."

"I just want to be guaranteed that everything will be fine with the process and that you guys are taking care of everything, that things will stay the same as far as my custodial time. That's it, bye."

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Is Rihanna cooperating?

PEOPLE The Los Angeles County District Attorney denies that Rihanna is no longer cooperating in the Chris Brown case, us-magazine.com reports.

"We deal with her attorney who says she is a cooperating victim," L.A. County D.A. spokesperson Sandi Gibbons tells the website.

According to FoxNews.com, the Umbrella singer "wants the whole thing" to go away and isn't helping the D.A. prepare his case against Brown for allegedly assaulting her Feb. 8 — hours before both were scheduled

to attend the Grammys.

Adds her lawyer, Donald Etra: "She will do everything that the law requires her to do ... nothing has changed."

However, even without Rihanna's cooperation, the case will still go forward on the basis of her detailed statement to police hours after the attack and the graphic photos.

Brown — who, like Rihanna, did not attend this weekend's Kids' Choice Awards — is due in court to be arraigned on two felonies April 6.

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Washington moving

FINANCES Former *Grey's Anatomy* star Isaiah Washington is moving out of the property that has caused him some recent financial troubles, according to RadarOnline.com.

He and his wife faced eviction after falling \$100,000 US behind on rent, according to documents filed in Santa Monica, Calif., on Tuesday. They were told they needed to move out unless they paid the overdue amount.

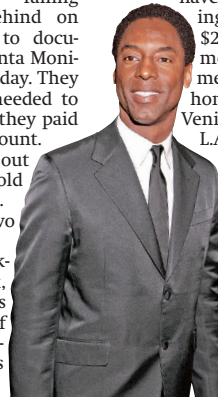
"He's moving out today," a source told RadarOnline.com.

On Monday, two housekeepers were spotted packing a large box, and photographs were taken off of the walls. Washington and his

wife were seen leaving the residence, though Washington returned 40 minutes later before leaving again.

The papers — filed by his landlord — claim that Washington and his wife haven't been paying their \$20,000 monthly payments on their home in the Venice area of L.A. The complaint, filed by Sandalwood Properties, says Washington has not paid since November.

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Berry open to more kids

FAMILY Halle Berry is open to having more kids — but don't expect her to be like octuplets' mom Nadya Suleman, people.com

Berry confirms to Ellen DeGeneres on her show that she wants another child, but says she's not up for double digits. "I hope I don't have like 14 more," quips Berry, who is mom to one-year-old Nahla Ariela.

Still, Berry isn't ruling out that a brother or sister could be in the future for her daughter with model Gabriel Aubry. "My mind says yes," she tells DeGeneres,

"but the rest isn't up to me so we'll see."

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Willis' ski lodge burned down

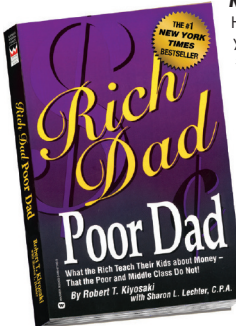
PEOPLE Bruce Willis may have to cut his honeymoon short to deal with some devastating property loss. The actor's ski lodge in Fairfield, Idaho, burned to the ground recently, according to the Associated Press.

The main lodge building as well as an adjacent rental shop were burned to the ground in the fire, which ignited a week after the Soldier Mountain Ski Resort, co-owned by Willis, closed for the season. Willis had reportedly been looking into expanding the resort.

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